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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 8-11.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A system for transferring files to a remote host comprising:
a local device;
a remote device;
a communications network; the local device programmed to perform the steps of:
A) store a plurality of files on a first mass storage unit;
B) wait until a preset time;
C) connect to the remote device after the preset time, the connection made through the communications network; and
D) transfer the plurality of files to the remote device via the communications network;
the remote device programmed to perform the steps of:
E) wait until the preset time;
F) accept, in response to the communications network not being used and in response to the preset time, a connection request from the local device via the communications network;
G) receive the plurality of files in response to a grant of the connection request, the files received through the communications network from the local device;
H) store the plurality of files on a second mass storage unit; and
I) when ordered to by the remote host, transfer the plurality of files from the second mass storage unit to the remote host.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a universal serial bus (USB) connector, the USB connector connected to the local device such that the local device can receive files via the USB connector.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising: a local host, the local host transmitting the plurality of files to the local device.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising: means for issuing a warning signal in response to both the communications network being used and in response to the preset time.
5. (Original) A system as in claim 4 wherein the warning signal further comprises: an audible sound.

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6. (Original) A system as in claim 4 wherein the warning signal further comprises: a message transmitted to the remote host.

7. (Original) A system as in claim 1 wherein the communications network further comprises: a public switched telephone network.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).
